

GAU 16/8



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST NAMED INVENTOR: Morrison, Dennis R.

SERIAL NO.: 09/079,758

FILED: May 15, 1998

TITLE: Externally Triggered
Microcapsules§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§GROUP ART UNIT: JUL 02 1999
1616EXAMINER:
Shahnam Sharareh**RECEIVED****TECH CENTER 1600/2900**

ELECTION

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 16, 1999, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution Group I, Claims 1-43 and 69-71. Applicants further provisionally elect the following species, with respect to the respectively applicable claims: graphite energy absorbing medium; glycerol monostearate outer polymer shell material; cis-platin anti-cancer drug; vancomycin antibiotic; nystatin antifungal agent; riboviran antiviral agent; and cytotoxic agent drug or drug precursor agent.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested on the grounds that, although Groups I, II, III, and IV may be classifiable in separate classes and although they may have different modes of operation, it is respectfully contended that the subject matter of all of the claims is related, and that a search of art related to any of the groups will be applicable or relevant to the claims of the others. From a practical standpoint, consideration of each of the claims and the related art in the present



MSC-22939-1-SB

Patent application

application would expedite and enhance the examination of all of the claims. In the event, however, that the restriction is not reversed, it is respectfully requested that it be made final.

Respectfully,

James M. Cate
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 25,181

NASA Johnson Space Center
Mail Code HA
Houston, Texas 77058
Telephone: 281-483-1001 or 281-483-4871
Datafax: 281-244-8452

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

June 21, 1999.

James M. Cate